

OCTOBER 17, 2011

Virginia: At a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Chatham, held at the Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. on October 17, 2011.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, Alvin R. Crider, and Andrew D. Wall.

Absent: Attorney Larry Gott.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was lead by Mayor Rogers.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Thompson council approved the agenda by unanimous voice vote.

Town Manager Edmund Giles reported that contrary to rumor Green Rock Prison will continue to house prisoners into the future according to the prison warden.

He said that Heath Landscaping has begun beautification work on the approach to the south end of Town and should be complete before the end of the month.

Giles informed Council that the contract for employee health insurance with Optima is now in effect.

Giles reported that VDOT would be making sidewalk repairs on Main Street. He is also appealing to VDOT to add the Davis Road extension to their maintenance system.

Chief Marvin Wright said that the police department has been approved for a DMV Grant in the amount of \$1,500 for body armor.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall Council approved the consent agenda including salaries and all bills and unpaid in the amount of \$140,396.97.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Wall, Thompson, Crider, Byrd, Black, and Bishop.

Citizen Beth Coles addressed council concerning the proposal by Chatham First to place recycling bins in the Old Dutch Super Market parking lot. She presented a petition signed by 59 residents stating that the bins would pose a health hazard as well as unnecessarily increase traffic in the area. She requested that Council deny the placement of the bins.

On a motion by Ordinance Committee Chairman Black as approved by that committee Council approved the Comprehensive Plan of 2011.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Black, Wall, Byrd, Thompson, Bishop, and Crider.

Mayor Rogers thanked the Planning Commission and the Ordinance Committee for their work on the Plan.

Councilman Byrd notified Council that due to the change in management of Sartomer, negotiations with the Town for their waste processing has ended. He does not know if there will be future talks.

On a motion by Ordinance Committee Chairman Black as recommended by the Committee Council approved the Curfew Ordinance to be added to the Town Code.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Thompson, Crider, Bishop, Byrd, Wall, and Black.

Mayor Rogers stated that with the new plantings at the south town entrance a water line needs to be extended across to the east side of Main Street to that area.

Councilman Black said that the Chatham Rotary Club and Chatham First are paying for new welcoming signs at both the north and south entrances to Town.

Mayor Rogers reported that the site plan for the new building at Harris Field is approved. The Town will review the building permit and will obtain a hold harmless letter from the Chatham Youth League.

Town Manager Giles said that it is an attractive building design and that the league has applied for a "Make a Wish Foundation" Grant to help with construction.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall Council approved a two year extension of the engineering contracts with Dewberry and Reynolds/Clark.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Byrd, Bishop, Wall, Black, Crider, and Thompson.

Having no further business council was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: